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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Masato HIGASHI

Application No.: 09/673,628

Filed: December 08, 2000

Customer Number: 20277

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Group Art Unit: 2175

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For: DISK SYSTEM AND METHOD OF UPDATING FIRMWARE

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

<u>Transmitted</u> herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	17	20	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	5	3	2	\$88.00 =	\$176.00
		Multiple claims newly presented			\$0.00
Fee for extension of time			\$0.00		
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		Total of Above Calculations		\$176.00	

Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>500417</u> in the amount of \$176.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 9, 2004, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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